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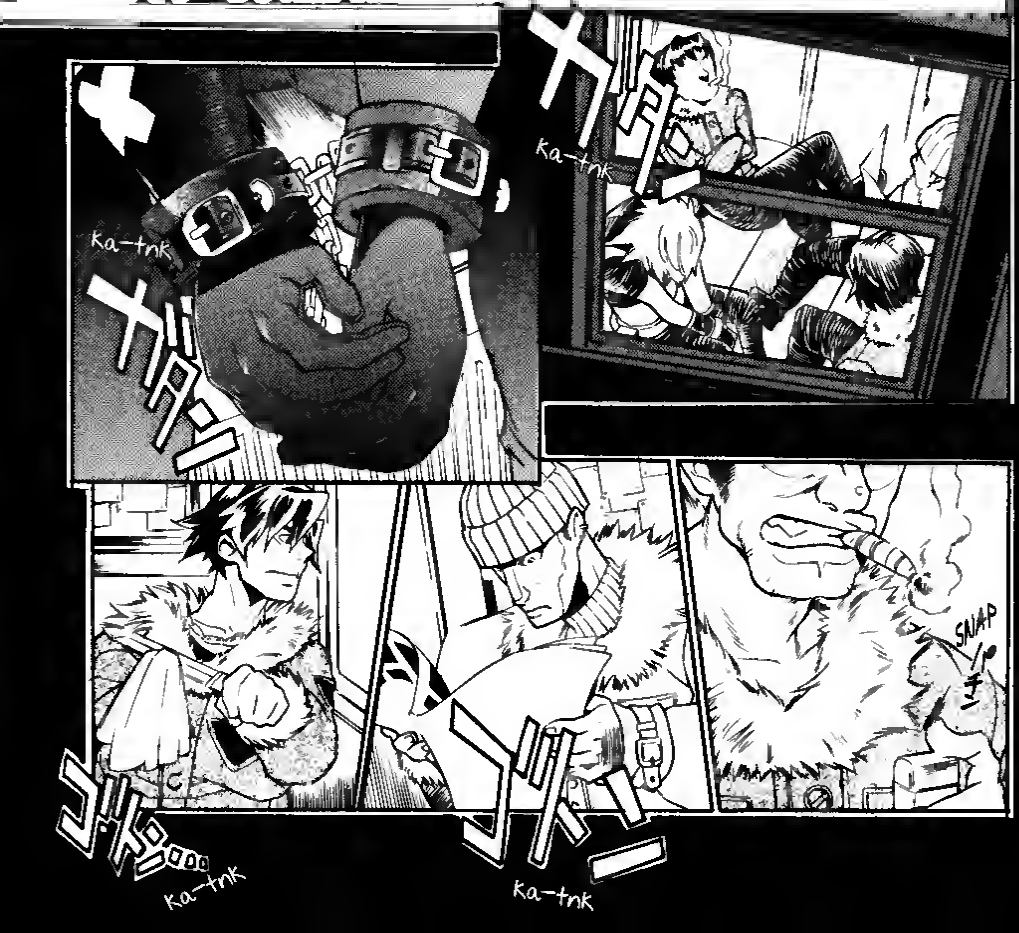


HALFWAY THERE AND NOT A PEEP... ALMOST GIVES YA THE CREEPS, DON'TIT?
HECK, BURGLARY. MURDER. ASSAULT...
WE GOT OURSELVES A CARD-CARRYING MEMBER OF THE TRASH OF SOCIETY HERE, AND HE AIN'T DONE A THING THE WHOLE RIDE! CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT!?
SO WE GOT LUCKY AND FOUND AN EASY ONE THIS TIME. I'LL SAVE THE CELEBRATING FOR AFTER WE FIND OUR WAY TO WETCHNAS IN ONE PIECE
HA HA HA!
YOU SAID IT!
ALRIGHT, FELLAS LET'S CUT THE CHATTER.
TIME'S UP.
MIGHT AS WELL GET YOU ALL PRETTIED-UP FOR THE LAST MEAL YOU'RE EVER GONNA GET IN THIS SAD EXCUSE FOR A WORLD
SHIRK

HOW DOES THAT SOUND, EIJI ERICKSON?

NOTHING BUT SAND AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE...
ARE YOU GETTING BORED?
Uh no, er...
ACTUALLY
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN ON A TRIP MYSELF, SO NO MATTER HOW MANY NEW THINGS I SEE OUT HERE, IT NEVER GETS OLD
SO IT MIGHT NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT MY HEAD'S REELING LIKE CRAZY WITH CULTURE-SHOCK
Mhm?
Ka-tnk
Ka-tnk
I ONLY LEFT THE TOWN WHERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE NOT TOO LONG AGO, MYSELF

I'M ONLY JUST STARTING TO GET A FEEL FOR ALL THE LITTLE THINGS EVERYBODY TAKES FOR GRANTED...
LIKE HOW BIG THE WORLD WE LIVE IN *REALLY* IS, AND HOW SMALL I AM IN COMPARISON... THAT KINDA THING.
クスッ
chuckle
YOU KNOW, ALL THIS TALKING'S MADE ME A LITTLE PECKISH.
GLANCE
チラ
WHY DON'T WE GO GRAB A BITE TO EAT?

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!
NICE!
WHAT'S A FOUR-STAR RESTAURANT DOING IN THE BACK OF SOME DINGY TRAIN!?
Something smells good! ♡
I suppose it might be too much to ask for you to knock it down a few decibels.
キラキラ
SPARKLE
キラ
SPARKLE
キラ
WHOA!
SLOW DOWN, MONICA! YOU'LL TRIP AND-
AH-
tmp
OH, LOOK! AN OPEN TABLE!! LET'S TAKE IT!
ガタン
Ka-tnk

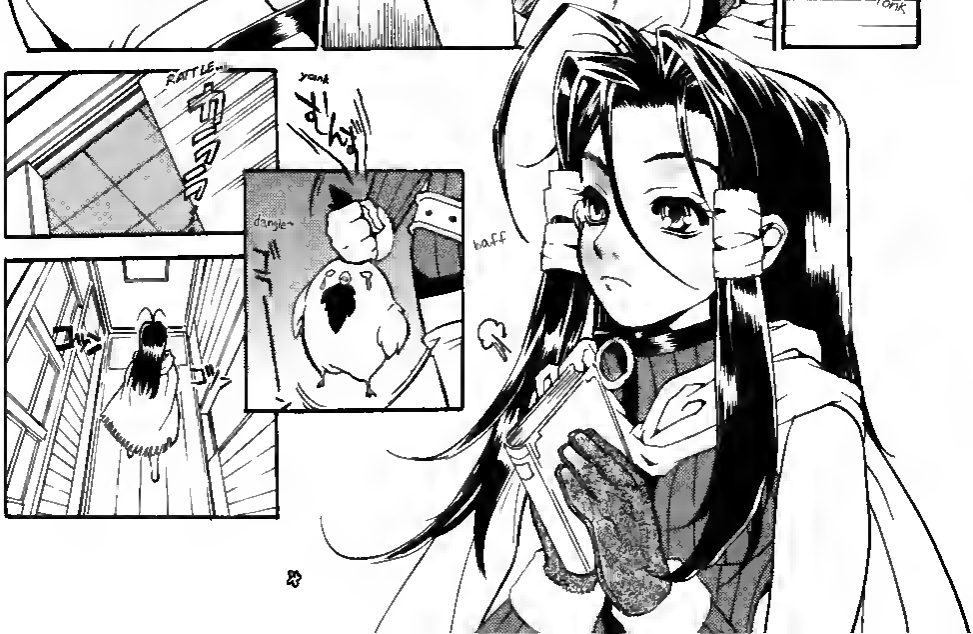
Ooh-hoo!
♥
SLAM!
BFFT
AAAH!
YOU'D BETTER WATCH YOUR STEP, LADY.
OR WERE YOU JUST THAT DESPERATE TO THROW YOURSELF IN MY ARMS
Coo.
HEY!! CAN'T YOU SEE WE'RE TRYIN TO EAT, HERE!?
I'm sorry, I didn't mean to-!
...MISS?

FLINCH
B-But I really didn't-
"SORRY" AIN'T GONNA CUT IT, YOU LITTLE-!
shff
OH-H-H?
twitch twitch twitch
rumble...
GENTLE-MEN, PLEASE!!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT, RUNT?
SHE SAID SHE WAS SORRY. NOW QUIT YELLING AT HER!
LET'S KEEP THINGS CIVIL— YOU'RE DISTURBING THE OTHER PASSENGERS!
PLAYING THE MAN.

HUSH
HUSH
TO TELL THE TRUTH, THAT MAN IS A MEMBER OF THE POLICE FORCE FROM GUESKY.
THEY'RE TRANSPORTING A YOUNG CRIMINAL FROM THERE TO WETCHNAS.
I apologize for any inconvenience.
JEEZE, SO MUCH FOR MY GOOD MOOD... WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT JERK'S PROBLEM!?
BUT I'M BEGGING YOU, DON'T SAY A WORD OF THIS TO THE OTHER PASSENGERS! THEY'RE AFRAID IT MIGHT CAUSE A SCARE.
PLEASE!?
thief,
THE BOY WITH HIM THEY SAY HE'S THE CRIMINAL MASTERMIND BEHIND ALL SORTS OF HEINOUS CRIMES - ROBBERIES, MURDERS, AND SO ON.
RUMOR HAS IT HE'S EVEN THE LEADER OF A SMALL-TIME BAND OF THIEVES.
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
IF IT'S SO BAD YOU HAVE TO BEG US TO KEEP OUR MOUTHS SHUT, THEN WHY WOULD YOU TELL US IN THE FIRST PLACE?
Whatever happened to keeping a secret?
Quite right

うぇーん
Waaah!
Because I couldn't keep a secret to save my life- and it wouldn't, anyway!
I could literally drop dead of a HEART-ATTACK unless I shared it with some-body else!!
SOMEBODY STOP THE TRAIN...!!
Whoooo

I'M HUNGRY... FEED ME...
B'KAWWW
B'KAW
BWARK
KAW!
ka-tnk
ka-tnk-tonk


RATTLE
yank
dangle
kaff

SHAA
TOILET
Ka-tnk
JEEZE, TALK ABOUT FREAKY. WE'VE BEEN RIDING WITH A CRIMINAL THIS WHOLE TIME AND DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A CLUE
GUY?
FATTI...
FATTI!
SHE'S A CUTIE, RIGHT? GUY, YOU DOG... DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE GOT A THING FOR HER!
You like 'em young, eh?
NOT EVEN CLOSE.
MAXI... ABOUT MISS MONICA...

Monica!
ka-tnk...
ka-tnk...
FLINCH
WHO'S THAT?
TCH!
slip
Ah...!
AHHHHH-!

WHY THAT NO-GOOD, LOUSY SON OF A GUN!!
TIMP
THAT THIEF STOLE MY PURSE!
SMACK!
LUNGE
GIVE IT BACK!!

BOING!
UP AND AWAY!
SQUEAK!
WHAM!
SMASH!
Yooo-
oowch!
JUMP
GA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

WAKE UP! OHH, PLEASE WAKE UP!
OH NO OH NO!
Eep!
SIRS!!
CAN YOU STAND, MISS MONICA?
Yes.
BUT MAXI, HE...
Get back here, darn it!
STOMP
STOMP
Shh
LET HIM HANDLE IT. YOU AND I SHOULD TAKE COVER IN THE CABIN FOR NOW
M-MY LEGS...
raaaaahhh
BLAM!

AHA HA HA HA!
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHAT THE-!? HE'S AN ARM-USER!?
MOVE IT, MOVE IT, MOVE IT!
GET OUTTA MY WAY, IF YA WANNA LIVE!
YA SLACK-JAWED PEA-BRAINS!
BAM!
A GUN-SHOT!?
THAT IDIOT!!
WHAT THE HECK KIND OF MORON FIRES A GUN INSIDE A TRAIN!?

THE ENTIRE TRAIN'S IN AN UPROAR!
RAAAAH
Aah!
WOOPS! SORRY!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, KID!
wobble
mo!
THAT GUY... I KNOW HE'S AN ARM-USER AT THE VERY LEAST.
Bump
THE QUESTION IS, WAS THAT A WARNING SHOT JUST NOW? OR...
I'M IN A HURRY!
SKRRK
HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THE TYPE TO TAKE OTHER PEOPLES' LIVES IN COLD BLOOD. AT LEAST, I DON'T THINK SO...
OR WAS HE AIMING TO KILL...? NO, HE WOULDN'T!
THE LOUNGE CAR...?

!!
BAM
BAM
BAM
slam
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLAYING AT, BUT CUT IT-
!?

BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
WHAT...
WHAT HAVE YOU...
SNEER

OH NO, WHAT'LL I DO...? MY TRAIN TICKET WAS IN THAT BAG..
slide...
SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE OUT THERE.
ka-tnk
ka-tnk
"Snerk"
WOOH! SORRY, HOW RUDE OF ME.
I JUST COULDN'T HELP NOTICING, MISS MONICA...
...YOU'RE QUITE THE TALENTED ACTRESS!
MISTER GUY?

...WHY, WHATEVER COULD YOU MEAN?
YOU KNOW,
I THINK IT'S HIGH-TIME WE PUT AN END TO THIS CHARADE. WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHO YOU *REALLY* ARE?
YOU'RE NOT TALKING YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS. NOT AFTER THAT *STUNT* YOU PULLED IN THE DINING CAR.
WHICH YOU THEN PASSED OFF, ALONG WITH THE WEAPONS YOU'D SNUCK ONBOARD TO THE *FELON* THEY WERE TRANSPORTING
USING THE SWAYING MOTION OF THE CAR TO FAKE YOUR UNSTEADINESS, YOU "ACCIDENTALLY" FELL INTO THE LAPS OF THOSE FOUR MEN
YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION AFTERWARD TO LIFT THE KEYS TO THEIR CHARGE'S HANDCUFFS IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE—!

ALL PLANTED BY YOU, HIS ACCOMPLICE!
NOW, AS FOR THAT BAG HE "STOLE" FROM YOU, I'D WAGER IT WAS STUFFED WITH TOOLS HE WOULD NEED TO MAKE HIS GET-AWAY...
Heh!
THAT'S A PRETTY SHARP NOSE YOU'VE GOT, MISTER. MAYBE I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE FOOLING PEOPLE INTO TRUSTING A SWEET MASK.
...BUT LOOK HERE!
THERE'S ONE PART OF YOUR STORY YOU'D BETTER GET STRAIGHT!
FLING!

SHWIP!
Bam!
EIJI'S TRASH TO THE CORE, BUT HE'S NO "FELON"!!
You scumbag!

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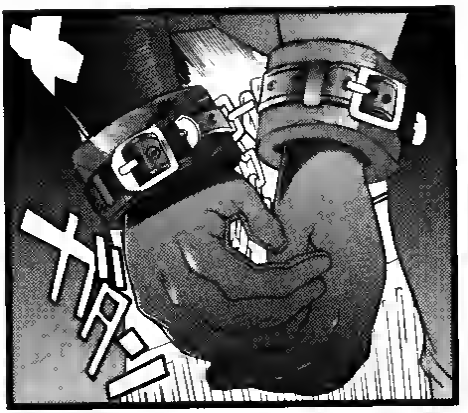

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